



## North Carolina's Regional Schools for Students with Visual Impairments or Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

The Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf, the North Carolina School for the Deaf and the Governor Morehead School for the Blind offer students high quality instructional and support services provided by licensed teachers who understand students' unique learning needs. They also help students develop the skills necessary to lead productive, successful lives.

Along with their peers in traditional public schools, students in these regional accredited schools follow the *North Carolina Standard Course of Study* and are assessed on their academic progress through the state's accountability program. High school students may earn a diploma or certificate at graduation. Students also can work on and off campus to learn successful job skills. Because of this support, many students graduate ready to enter the workforce or pursue further education.

In addition, Independent Living Center programs offer students the opportunity to learn how to budget, shop, cook and complete household duties and apply those skills while living in their own apartments. The skills learned through this program help students successfully transition into society.

If you are a North Carolina resident and have a student between the ages of 5 and 21 and are interested in having him or her attend one of these schools, please speak with your local public school counselor, or the Exceptional Children's Program Director in your school district. A referral from the district is the first step toward possible admission.



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North Carolina public school students who are visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, or who have multiple disabilities have a number of options for academic instruction. These include three instructional programs that offer day and residential placement through the North Carolina Education Services for the Deaf and Blind.







## Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf

### Wilson, NC

The Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf offers day and residential programs that serve children who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or multi-disabled. Although open to all school-aged children residing in North Carolina, the program primarily serves students from the 54 eastern-most counties of the state. The school, which was founded in 1964, is located on a 56-acre campus in Wilson.

The Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf offers students:

- a robust Vocational and Career Technical Education program within the school and the community at large;
- dual credit (high school and college) in courses such as Desktop Publishing, Graphic Arts, PC Hardware thanks to a partnership with the National Technical Institute for the Deaf;
- the option to take courses at Wilson Community College, as well as enables Wilson Community College Early College students to intern at the Eastern NC School for the Deaf to mentor students;
- the Fairview Learning Program specifically designed for K-12 students to bridge American Sign Language to English by reading and signing more accurately to improve language skills and ensure success in school; and
- a team of trained and certified experts to assess language skills to establish baseline information so that all staff may provide appropriate instruction that will expand expressive and receptive language that will build communication and literacy skills. This unique opportunity uses tools tailored to students who communicate via American Sign Language.

## Governor Morehead School for the Blind

### Raleigh, NC

The Governor Morehead School for the Blind offers day and residential programs for visually impaired students. When established in 1845, it was the eighth school for the blind in the United States. It also was the first school to serve the African-American blind and deaf population. The Governor Morehead School moved to its current location in Raleigh in 1923, and is located on a 58-acre campus.

The school serves children ages 5-21. In addition, local school districts across the state may refer visually impaired students to the Governor Morehead School.

The Governor Morehead School for the Blind offers students:

- an orientation and mobility program;
- a renowned braille music program;
- a comprehensive expanded core curriculum (Orientation and Mobility, Assistive Technology, Compensatory Skills, Independent Living Skills, Recreation & Leisure, Visual Efficiency, Career Education, Self-Determination and Social Interaction Skills);
- special one-week, short-term sessions throughout the year that offer tailored, intensive instruction in the expanded core curriculum;
- a summer school program; and
- job placement.

## North Carolina School for the Deaf

### Morganton, NC

The North Carolina School for the Deaf offers day and residential programs that serve children who are deaf, hard of hearing or who have multiple disabilities. The school, which was established in 1894, is located on a 160-acre campus in Morganton.

The school is dually accredited by the Conference of Educational Administrators Serving the Deaf and by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The North Carolina School for the Deaf offers students:

- personal learning plans that customize academic achievement goals and prescribe learning activities aligned with state standards;
- quarterly review of academic growth in reading, English language arts, mathematics and science to ensure students are on track for academic success;
- Project Lead the Way, a nationally recognized, rigorous STEM curriculum that provides exciting learning opportunities for students such as the robotics competition; and
- Young Adult Learn to Earn Program (YALE), a life-centered education curriculum that boosts students' skills in independent living, competitive employment and postsecondary education and training.